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SUBJECT No. 31.

Arrangements for securing the railway carriage doors from inside.

Mr. N. Nagappaiya, Hassan District Board.

Summary of Representation.—Necessary arrangements have been made in the first and second class carriages of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway for securing the carriage doors from inside so that the passengers travelling in those carriages can safely sleep at nights without fear of thieves. As no such arrangement has been made in the State Railway carriages, many travellers have lost their things. It is prayed that necessary arrangements may be made for securing the carriage doors from inside in the State Railway also.

SUBJECT No. 32.

Establishment of a Railway Board consisting of officials and non-officials.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—The management of Railway Administration may be made over to a Board consisting of official and non-official gentlemen. The present system of direct management by Government may be discontinued.

SUBJECT No. 33.

Reduction in the present rate of railway fares.

Messrs. G. S. Murigappa and Honne Gowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The railway fares now in force are excessively high. It is prayed that a reduction may be made in the present rate.

SUBJECT No. 34.

Facilities for third class passengers.

Messrs. Anantha-lakshminaranappa, Anantharajappa and Veerappa Gowda, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) Though the inconveniences to which the third class passengers are subjected to were brought to the notice of Government time after time, they have not been redressed. Platform tickets are issued in certain stations. Those that accompany passengers with luggage are not allowed into the platform. Third class passengers are not also allowed to enter the platform five minutes before the arrival of the trains. The confused rush of passengers at such times causes many an accident. This irregularity is allowed to occur in Mysore, the Capital Town of the State. This difficulty is felt all the more when large concourse of people gather during Dasara and Birthday Festivities and other festive occasions. It is therefore prayed that the system of platform tickets may be abolished and people let into the platform half an hour before the departure of the trains.

(*b*) The troubles caused to the people by the officials of the Mysore Railway in the Bangalore City Railway Station are great. Mysore trains are brought to the platform line five or ten minutes before the departure of the trains. All the carriages are locked. The inconveniences caused to the people by these are great and may be done away with.

SUBJECT No. 35.

Prevention of thefts near railway goods-sheds.

Mr. Rajappa, Grain Merchants' Association, Bangalore.

Summary of Representation.—It is prayed that proper steps may be ordered to be taken to prevent the numerous cases of thefts of grain and other articles in railway goods-sheds.